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MEMORANDUM FOR: Acting Deputy to the DCI for the  
Intelligence Community

FROM:

[REDACTED]  
Director of Performance Evaluation and  
Improvement

SUBJECT: Nuclear Proliferation Data Base Working Group (U)

1. (S) It is time that we transfer the Data Base Working Group for Nuclear Proliferation (DBWG/NP) from the IC Staff to the NIO for Nuclear Proliferation (NIO/NP). A memo for your signature to the D/DCI/NI is attached (Tab A) effecting this transfer. [REDACTED] (NIO/NP) is aware of this action and expects to assume responsibility for the DBWG/NP.

2. (S) In mid and late 1976, responding to increased interest and concern at all levels of government, special studies were conducted with the Community dealing with nuclear proliferation intelligence. The IC Staff took the initiative to help correct the problems identified in these studies and convened meetings to address them within the Community and between users and producers. Conferees at these meetings echoed many of the findings and recommendations in the studies and stressed specifically the current need for a comprehensive data base. Called for was the development of a comprehensive nuclear proliferation all-source data base of: worldwide stocks and flows of plutonium and highly enriched uranium, and the characteristics and operations of nuclear-related facilities. In addition, there was a perceived need for speeding up the process of supplementing and updating existing nuclear proliferation data and for a set of country studies which consider together the political, military, economic, scientific, and technical factors.

3. (S) You will recall that as a first step in expanding and unifying the Community's data base, the [REDACTED] assigned to the IC Staff, in collaboration with the NIO/NP, the task of developing specifications for an all-source nuclear proliferation data base. The DBWG/NP was thus established in March 1977. Because of the newness of the management structure for nuclear proliferation, namely the office of the NIO/NP and the Interagency Intelligence Working Group for Nuclear Proliferation (IIWG/NP) that supports him, the IC Staff agreed to chair the DBWG/NP until such time that it could be profitably placed directly under the NIO/NP. Now, with the recent designation of a permanent NIO/NP, it is timely to effect the transfer thereby releasing the IC Staff from performing a substantive role in nuclear proliferation matters.

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4. (S) Under the IC Staff aegis the DBWG/NP has completed:

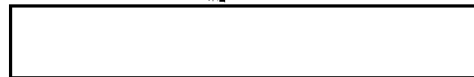
--a description of the existing nuclear proliferation data base within the Community

--the development of a nuclear proliferation intelligence data base concept

--the development of an organizational structure for a Community data base.

5. Eventually, the product of the Working Group's efforts should provide a basis for a comprehensive Community nuclear proliferation data base, a possible structure for a universal filing system, and a tool to store and access data on a timely basis. Since this is a substantive role, the NIO/NP should run the show.

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Attachments:

Tab A--Memo for signature

Tab B--Extract from KIO-5

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The Director of Central Intelligence

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy to the DCI for National Intelligence

FROM: John N. McMahon  
Acting Deputy to the DCI for the  
Intelligence Community

SUBJECT: Nuclear Proliferation Data Base Working Group (U)

25X1A 1. (S) In response to tasking specified in the [ ] the IC Staff, in collaboration with the NIO/NP, established the Data Base Working Group for Nuclear Proliferation (DBWG/NP) in March 1977. Because of the newness of the NIO/NP structure which the DCI established in January 1977, the IC Staff exercised management of the interagency Working Group which has evolved a concept, an organizational structure for and a program to develop a data base.

2. (S) Nuclear proliferation continues to be a priority concern and the need for current country studies that reflect a composite of Community knowledge is increasingly pressing. The Working Group appears to be well along the road toward the establishment of a comprehensive data base, a framework for a universal filing system, and a tool to store and access data on a timely basis.

3. (S) The DBWG/NP should now be placed directly under your newly appointed NIO/NP who is the responsible focus for all substantive nuclear proliferation related activities within the Community. Relinquishing the DBWG/NP to the office of the NIO/NP will free IC Staff resources to perform evaluative functions.

/s/ JOHN N. McMAHON

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11. The IC Staff in conjunction with the NIO/NP, will arrange, as needed, for follow-on conferences between users and producers of proliferation intelligence in order to improve interaction and to provide a forum for product evaluation. It will make suggestions for modification to the Community's organization. The IC Staff will develop a technique for measuring progress against identified deficiencies in the performance of the Community in response to this KIQ. It also will develop a proposal with the NIO/NP concerning an all-source data base for nuclear proliferation intelligence keyed to this KIQ and to the broader needs of policymakers.

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